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Code of Conduct for the international transfers of conventional weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/36 L of 9 December 1991, 47/52 L of 15 December 1992 and 48/75 E of 16 December 1993, concerning transparency in armaments, and 46/36 H of 6 December 1991 and 48/75 F of 16 December 1993 concerning international arms transfers,

Considering that an enhanced level of openness and transparency with regard to international transfers of armaments contributes greatly to confidence-building and security among States, eases tensions, strengthens regional and international peace and security, could serve as a useful tool in facilitating non-proliferation efforts in general and could contribute to restraint in military production and the transfer of arms,

Welcoming the work of the Conference on Disarmament on its agenda item entitled "Transparency in armaments",

Reaffirming the inherent right to individual or collective self-defence recognized in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, which implies that States also have the right to acquire arms with which to defend themselves,

Recognizing the need for Member States to exercise responsibility and restraint in transfers of conventional arms,

Stressing its strong belief that excessive and destabilizing accumulations of arms pose a threat to national, regional and international peace and security, particularly aggravating tensions and conflict situations, and give rise to serious and urgent concerns,

Affirming the need for effective national mechanisms for controlling the transfer of conventional arms and related technology and for transfers to take place with those mechanisms,

1. Calls upon all Member States to consider the establishment of a voluntary, global and non-discriminatory Code of Conduct for international conventional arms transfers with a view to promoting voluntary restraint and responsibility in conventional arms transfers;

2. Considers that a Code of Conduct for international arms transfers be elaborated in the most appropriate forum;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Code of Conduct for the international transfers of conventional weapons".